

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

JERRY WARD,	:	
Petitioner	:	
	:	1:12CV550
v.	:	1:09CR406-1
	:	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
Respondent	:	

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD

The Office of the Federal Public Defender hereby moves for an order allowing it leave to withdraw as counsel of record for the Petitioner. Review of the record reveals that the Petitioner's Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 includes allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel by this office. See Doc. # 23, filed May 31, 2012. Without addressing the merits of those allegations, it is counsel's opinion that the allegations themselves give rise to a conflict within the meaning of Rules 1.7(a)(2) and 1.10(a) of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Federal Public Defender moves for an order allowing it leave to withdraw as counsel of record for the Petitioner, and directing that new counsel be appointed. A proposed order is attached.

Respectfully submitted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 21, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of Record with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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I further certify that on February 21, 2013, I mailed a copy of the foregoing Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of Record to the following non-CM/ECF participant:

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